(b) whether Government are aware of heavy congestion at the airport as parking-Bay can handle one Boeing and one Airbus at a time, and despite this the airport is being used by Air-India and several other foreign charter flights, which due to this area squeeze are made to taxi in the air, thus wasting precious fuel; and

(c) whether Government contemplate to have a coordination committee of his Ministry and Ministry of Defence to sort out this deadlock ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The issue of transfer of land has been resolved to the satisfaction of both, the Navy and the National Airports Authority.

(b) No doubt, at present sufficient space for two wide bodied jets is not available but there is no congestion because of charter flights as DGCA ensures proper time slots for these charter flights.

(c) Since the matter is already resolved, so there is no question of having a coordination Committee.

Handing over of prime hotel properties of I.T.D.C. to foreigners

1183. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the prime hotel properties under the I.T.D.C. are being handed over to the foreign chains;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of the foreign firms which have submitted their applications for setting up from Star hotels in joint venture; and

(d) by when a decision would be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The Government have formulated a scheme whereby small groups of ITDC hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. Under this scheme ITDC has invited bids for participation in the equity of the joint venture companies from the foreign international hotel chains. It is, however, difficult to indicate the time by which a final decision would be taken in this regard.

Slums near Bombay Airport

1184. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that slums near airports, especially in Bombay create unhygienic conditions resulting in bird menace and also result in encroachments which make further development difficult;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take/have taken in the matter; and

(c) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been taken up with the State Government for shifting of the unauthorised hutment dwellers from the IAAI land. 200 acres of land have been proposed for acquisition. A sum of Rs. 1 crore has already been paid to the Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority as advance towards development charges. However, the acquisition proceedings have been held up due to court litigation. IAAI has also deployed about 100 Security Guards for safeguarding the IAAI land and to carry out demolition of fresh encroachments, wherever possible.

(c) Does not arise.